

# CITY OF SUNNYVALE

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Amy,

It gives me great pleasure to have you as our city manager without the "interim" in the title. It could not have been easy, on the heels of a divisive election, to step into the interim city manager position last year, but you did it with grace and professionalism. And the city is a better place for it.

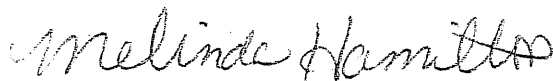
It has been a pleasure to get to know you over the last year. I'm impressed not only by your financial acumen, but also by your management skills and your dedication. Although you are modest about it, you are constantly on the lookout to find small ways to save money and contribute, both on a personal level and citywide. You have been very responsive and helpful to me, and I'm sure with other council members, in resolving any number of issues, whether they originate with us or our constituents. Members of both the city staff and the community at large have told me how much they enjoy working with you.

Your long history with the city, especially in the finance arena, has served us well in these times of budget crises. As some of the cities around us face draconian service cuts, our twenty-year budgeting system, which you helped develop, has helped us mitigate some of these problems. And you're still working to find ways to mitigate other budget issues so that we may be able to avoid or minimize service cuts.

The city is going through a transition at the moment, and I believe that your role in this transition is pivotal. It is important to have someone who has a long institutional history to provide guidance to council and lead staff as we navigate this transition, and I can't think of anyone who is more highly qualified.

Part of the reason I ran for office last year is because I thought the city was moving in the wrong direction. With your leadership, we are already moving in the right direction, and I'm confident that we can continue to put the city back on the right track. Thank you for taking on this challenge and I look forward to continuing our relationship and continuing to make Sunnyvale the best it can possibly be.

Sincerely,



Melinda Hamilton